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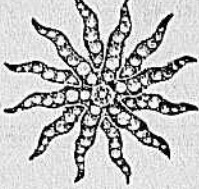
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TWO LOSSES BY DEATH

Solykoff and Maple to be Missed on English Turf.

LOVED FINE RACE HORSES

King Edward Gives Consent to Marriage Only After Privy Council is Held.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The English Turf has sustained a severe loss by the deaths, within two days, of Prince Solykoff and Sir John Blundell Maple, who were two of its most powerful and enthusiastic supporters. Both were so eminent in the racing world that the ultra-exclusive Jockey Club broke two of its strict rules in their favor—the regulations excluding foreigners and tradesmen from membership. Prince Solykoff even attained the important office of steward of the club, which he held for some years, but Sir Blundell Maple's membership only dated from the beginning of this year.

The Prince was a distinguished looking man of seventy-five, with a long, gray mustache. The story of how his connection with the English Turf began is remarkable. After serving with distinction through the Crimean War (against the English, of course), he came to England for a holiday, intending to stay three months. But the fascination of English sporting life proved too strong, and the Prince never returned to Russia at all.

He established himself at the headquarters of English racing, Newmarket, in a magnificent house, which he named the Kremlin. He got together a famous stud, with which he was most successful, and founded the Solykoff Stakes, run for every year at Newmarket.

What money he did not spend on the "sporting of kings" he found a use for in financing industrial ventures, in which he was not so successful. Prince Solykoff came of one of the most famous and ancient noble families of Russia, one of his ancestors having been the wife of the Czar Ivan the Terrible, while others of the family have also married into the Russian royal house.

Sir John's Name.

The name of Sir John Blundell Maple stands first, for "furniture," and second, for "race horses." He owned the greatest furniture business in the world and one of the greatest racing stables in the world. Born in 1845, he was trained from an early age by his father to follow the calling of a furniture dealer, and proved himself to have a strongly developed business instinct.

It was so strong that even after he had become a baronet he was often seen doing business like a salesman at the huge emporium in Tottenham Court road.

The firm of Maple & Co. trades on a grand scale, exports its goods to all parts of the world, and under undertakes the entire furnishing of palaces and great hotels. The premises in Tottenham Court road are one of the sights of London.

Sir John was bright-eyed, portly and genial—a type of the successful business man and sportsman. His racing establishment was at Chiddingfold, his seat in Hertfordshire, and at first he raced under the name of "Mr. Chiddingfold."

His philanthropy was one of his best traits. Learning that the University College Hospital, which adjoins his business premises, needed rebuilding and more space, he pulled down some of his warehouses and presented the site to the hospital with a check for the cost of rebuilding. Sir John had represented Dulwich, a South London constituency, in Parliament since 1887. He was knighted in 1893 and became a baronet six years later. He leaves a widow and an only child, who he married to Baron von Eckstein, of the German Embassy.

Approved by Privy Council.

King Edward's approval of the match between Prince Francis of Teck and

Princess Alice of Albany was only given after a privy council had been held to consider the subject. This was a necessary formality and in accordance with the terms of the Royal Marriage act, which enacts that in the case of a marriage where one or both of the parties are in direct succession to the throne the formal approval of the sovereign "in council" is necessary.

The late Queen even observed this procedure in the case of the Duke of Teck, although his chance is extremely remote. The idea has got about that Princess Alice will be a dowryless bride, but this is not the case. The young Princess has, or will have, a very large fortune, for, being the only sister of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, she inherits the entire sum which has been set apart for the younger children of the Coburg family. Princess Alice will also probably inherit Claremont, her mother's residence. Her prospective husband is a comparatively inexperienced prince, having an income of less than \$500 a year.

Great, Great Grandmother.

The birth of a daughter to Lady Bertha Egerton puts the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn in the unique position, for a duchess, of a great-great grandmother. "Debrett" is silent, as usual, with regard to the venerable lady's age, but as she was married to the first Duke in 1822, one may guess at it. Lady Bertha Egerton is the eldest daughter of the Earl of Lichfield, himself a son of the Dowager Countess of Lichfield, who, in her turn, is the eldest daughter of the aforesaid Duchess. The newly arrived baby has eight grandparents, including the Earl of Leicester, the Earl of Essex and the present Earl and Countess of Lichfield.

The Duke of Marlborough is devoting himself energetically to settling his house in order. The great new Marlborough mansion in Curzon street, which is to be known as Sunderland House, and not Marlborough House, as at first supposed, is now in the hands of the decorators,

and when finished will be a lordly pleasure house indeed.

The Duke has taken up residence in one of the top bedrooms and he and one man servant are the sole occupants of the huge building. His Grace puts up as early as the workmen arrive, and is very often already on the spot when they come in. Not an inch of painting or ornamental work escapes him, and he has altered various items of decoration as the work has progressed. The Duke is leading a sort of solitary bachelor existence, going out to his meals at his club, but soon the kitchens, in which the cooking arrangements are of a most perfect and elaborate description, are to be started.

Mr. Kenneth Grahame, who is being congratulated on his escape from a madman with a revolver at the Bank of England, is secretary to the "Old Lady of Thread-needle Street," but is perhaps better known as a charming writer of stories about—not for children. Mr. Grahame is by no means the first of his order who has plied the pen in other than business sense. Banking and literature have indeed gone together not infrequently. Crote, the historian, was a famous example in times gone by. Lord Avebury (Sir John Lubbock) and Mr. Edward Clodd, the writer on Paleolithic subjects, are well-known modern instances.

REDUCE THE GRADE.

New Survey for the Virginia and Southwestern.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, Va., December 12.—The Virginia and Southwestern Railway Company is considering the advisability of constructing a track from Bristol over a route that will avoid the heavy grade of the present route over Walker's Mountain, on the Virginia division of the road. The surveyors have just completed the survey of three different routes to be submitted to the officials of the road. One of these routes would require a tunnel of 3,300 feet in length.

BERLIN AND THE KAISER

His Illness Will Dampen the Christmas Festivities.

CZAR GIVES TO THE POOR

Crown Prince of Saxony Still Loves His Wayward Wife. Interesting Gossip.

BY MALCOLM CLARKE.
(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch. Copyright, 1908.)
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—With Christmas hardly two weeks away, it has become evident how close is the tie between Berlin and the Kaiser. Two weeks before Christmas the city is ordinarily like an immense beehive; there is not a street where the Christmas bustle is not felt; but this year a cloud of anxiety is darkening the atmosphere. The illness of the Kaiser has depressed everything; everything pale into insignificance; only one thing is important; only one question is asked—will the Kaiser recover?

Every bit of news which leaks out from the gray walls of the palace is eagerly snatched up by the press and discussed by the public. And all the news tends to show that the Kaiser cares little for himself; that his whole heart is taken up with his love for his family and his love



Latest picture of Field Marshal Wolsey, who at present is the literary hero of London, having just written some exceedingly interesting memoirs, which show that he might have won success as a writer, as well as a soldier.

for the German nation. Always an excellent husband and father, he is just as much a father for his people.

During the long hours which he has spent in enforced silence he has attended to many details connected with the government of the empire, and the results of his activity are being clearly felt. He has spent considerable time in studying plans for model homes for workmen. He has had plans of such houses sent to him from England and Denmark, and has suggested many improvements before sending these plans to the new Department of Labor.

LOANS TO WORKINGMEN.
A new law providing for loans by the State to workingmen for the purpose of building houses may be expected by next spring.

Next to the labor question, the elevation of the army, the abolishing of many abuses in military life has occupied the chief place in the mind of the Kaiser. He sent a strong letter of approval to

the officers of the infantry regiment, Count Kirsch, No. 46, for immediately forcing Lieutenant-Colonel Roos to leave his resignation when he had made himself guilty of mistreating a sergeant whom he disliked.

The sergeant happened to enter the officers' casino with an official dispatch for Colonel von Thiesenhausen, when Lieutenant-Colonel Roos, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, without any reason knocked him down.

A court of honor was immediately set, and in half an hour Roos was unanimously sentenced to leave the regiment.

In commenting upon this action of the regimental officers, the Kaiser said that he was proud to know that there were officers in his army who did not hesitate to act according to the laws of military justice and honor.

The resignation of the lieutenant-colonel was immediately accepted.

GIVES TO THE POOR.
A letter to St. Petersburg announces that Czar Nicholas personally handed 2,000 rubles to a poor family of peasants who had traveled more than 3,000 miles on foot, dragging some gold-bearing quartz in a sleigh to the imperial mint at St. Petersburg.

The family, which consisted of a young man, two women, a child and an old man, had spent six and a half months on the journey, their object being to get the mint authorities to extract the gold from the rock they carried.

All were miserably clad in rags, and had evidently suffered terrible privations from cold and hunger on the road, but their spirits were buoyed up by the thoughts of the riches they were to receive at the Czar's end.

When the officials at the mint had ground the rock to powder, and had tested it for silver and gold, the net value of the precious metal revealed was found to be only ten dollars.

WANTS AUTHOR ARRESTED.

The Crown Prince of Saxony, who, in spite of all, continues to love his wayward wife so much that were it not for King George he would take her back, is said to have asked for the arrest and punishment of Baron von Plun, the author of "The Confessions of Princess Louise." The Baron, who belongs to an old noble family, members of which have occupied high positions under the government, is an eccentric individual, whose follies are the writing of works dealing with the secrets of royal houses.

He lives high up under the roof of a plebeian tenement house in an unfashionable quarter of Berlin.

There is an air of dark mystery about his apartment, which is stacked with books of his own making, and is guarded by sinister-looking servants, for the Baron fears chastisement at the hands of personages who may resent his works.

His books, which are sold at 50 cents each by his servants, treat of scandals in connection with nearly all of the ruling houses of Europe.

He was the first to publish the version of the Crown Prince Rudolf, of Austria's death, which is generally considered authentic.

The same cannot be said of everything he has written.

The ex-Crown Princess of Saxony has, it is hardly to be recalled, repudiated his statements regarding herself, declaring that she had never given him information of any sort.

While every one will consider this sufficient refutation of the Baron's allegations, he reiterates that the conversations given in his book as taking place with the Princess are authentic.

He says he intends to publish a reply to the Princess' repudiation shortly.

IF NOT SATISFIED, BRING IT BACK

THE HUB

A SLAUGHTER OF PRICES!

The result of a combination of circumstances, but principally because sales have not kept up with the heavy buying. The values are all right, but there are too many and it takes such price inducements to break up the congestion of undigested stocks. Included in the attraction are the balance of a special sale of Men's Suits, we started on Saturday.

Men's \$15 and \$16.50 Suits, \$9.50.

Not last season's styles or cloths, but made for December selling, perfect fitting and finest tailoring you can get in a \$16.50 Suit; Cloths are chevots, cassimeres and meltons; fine serge lining; Coats double or single breasted; Trousers the very latest cut; you save near a half

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Men's \$7.50 Suits for \$5.00.

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Men's \$15 Overcoats, \$9.50.

Overcoats of Oxford gray and fancy chevots, with or without belted backs, Farmer's satin or serge lining, styles are the long swager or the short, nobby, worth over a half more

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in a box 48c. Men's White Initial Handkerchiefs, box of six, 75c.

Silk Neckwear, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00, and any box free of charge for Xmas. Umbrellas, \$1.00 to \$6.00;

name engraved on any free of charge.

Silk Handkerchiefs or Mufflers, 50c. to \$3.00.

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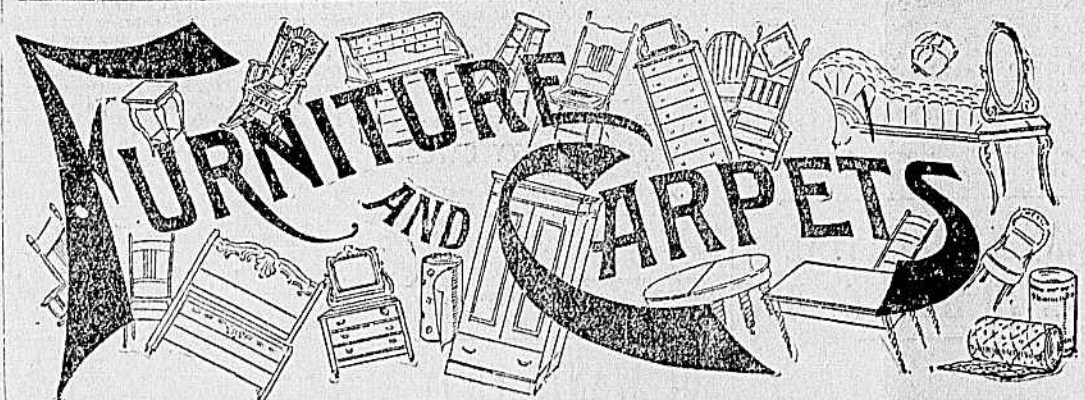
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Cliffhangers with glass, fine for Shaving, \$12 up.
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